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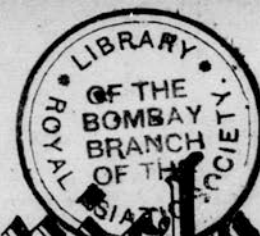
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Apologia For Silence Over India's Political Issues

PROMISES FIRM POLICY AGAINST FAMINE AND INFLATION

"I welcome co-operation from anyone and anybody who can assist me in the great problems on which the future of India depends", declared Lord Wavell, the Viceroy, while addressing the annual meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce at Calcutta.

His Excellency said, "I believe that if we can co-operate in the achievement of the great administrative aims which should be common to all parties when the country is in peril, we shall do much to produce conditions in which the solution of the political deadlock will be possible".

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.—I can well remember the spirit of co-operation and helpfulness with which our demands on India were always met. There is no doubt that Indian help saved the Middle East at a critical time and thus laid the foundation for our successes of 1943 in the Mediterranean area," said Lord Wavell in addressing the annual meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce this morning.

Lord Wavell expressed great regret to have had to give up his command of the troops in India after just two years in that position.

In General Auchinleck India had one who enjoyed the confidence and esteem not only of the fighting services but of all sections of the people in India, both British and Indian.

Under his command the troops in India could be organised and trained for even more important tasks than the final defeat of Japan.

The army gave an example in Bengal of promptitude and efficiency in providing help to the civil Government in the food emergency.

Referring to the progress of the war His Excellency said they had every reason for having confidence in a victorious outcome of the war in Europe in a not too distant future; BUT HOW FAR DISTANT THAT FUTURE WAS COULD NOT YET BE DETERMINED.

While the progress of wars depended on transportation, their end depended always on morale.

The morale of the German army was certainly still high, but that of the German people must be, to say the least of it, causing Hitler and the Nazi leaders an aching of the heart, and a sinking of the heart, but the end of the war in the west was no more than the beginning of the war in the east.

There could be no security, economic or military, until Germany was as thoroughly defeated as Germany.

It was not a matter of recovering lost portions of the empire or of dividends in oil and rubber, but the repulse of barbarism by civilisation which was at stake.

The peace and happiness of the world depended on a complete and speedy liquidation of Japanese ambition.

The Viceroy wished success of the newly established South-East Asia Command, to its inspiring leader, and to the able commanders in staff, British and American, who were gathering under him.

Reurrence Of Famine Must Stop

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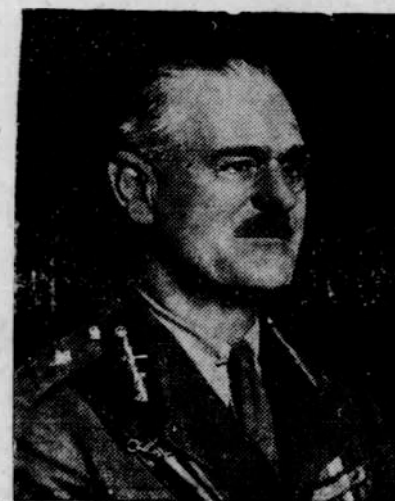
This disaster had struck those least able to bear it, and the principal sufferers had been the weakest—the children, the women, the old men.

It was the duty of everyone not only to lessen their present sufferings but to take such steps as would ensure that such sufferings did not occur again.

Continuing the Viceroy said the key points in the food plan were full rationing in the larger towns and control of price, both backed by adequate administrative arrangements.

The food problem was not a provincial problem, it was an all India, and even a world problem, the policy accepted by the Central Government was that recommended by the foodgrains policy committee of last summer.

"We have a food policy for India as a whole," said His Excellency. "I am quite clear that we can carry out this policy, to the great benefit of India, if we have, as I am convinced we shall have, the willing co-operation of the provinces and states."



LORD WAVELL

EFFICIENCY THE PROVINCE FAILED TO SECURE THAT IT WAS PROPERLY PROCURED AND DISTRIBUTED.

Every One Must Fight Inflation

His Excellency referring to the measures against inflation said the battle was everyone's battle. It would provide a man nothing to gain large increment by forcing up prices and thereby causing inflation, since the value of his gains would be thereby reduced and he might cause untold misfortune to others.

The Central Government was determined to check the inflationary tendency by all means in its power.

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NAZIS EVACUATE KHERSON

Soviet Effect Break-Through On Leningrad Front

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The German News Agency announced that the Germans have evacuated Kherston bridgehead at the Dnieper port of Kherston.

The German Radio stated to-day that Russian attacks north-west of Nevel are supported by strong tank formations and are increasing in violence.

DOUBLE OBJECTIVE

The German controlled Paris Radio said to-day that the Russian attack south and north-east of Nevel has the double aim of reaching the Latvian border and of outflanking Vitebsk. "It is assuming the character of a large-scale offensive," the announcer said.

Monday's Soviet 'Communique' says: "A few days ago, troops of the first Baltic front under the command of General Bagration launched an offensive against the German forces situated south of Nevel and broke through the strongly fortified defence line of the enemy stretching over about 80 kilometres and about 30 kilometres deep."

Among the places captured by Russians as reported in to-night's 'communique' is the railway station of Yezerschieh, on the Vitebsk-Nevel railway, about 25 miles south of Nevel.

HITLER WANTS KIEV TO BE RETAKEN

Hitler is reported to have threatened Field Marshal Fritz von Manstein not merely with disgrace but with something "much worse" if he cannot retake Kiev and give Germany the empty prestige of a success soon.

4 Kharkov Killers Hanged

The Moscow Radio announced, that the four accused in the Kharkov trial were hanged in the public square in Kharkov at 11 a.m. this morning.

They are Captain Wilhelm Langheld, German secret service Officer, Corporal Reinhardt, Retlaw of the German secret police, Hans Ritz, Assistant Commander of the Gestapo at Kharkov, and the Russian Michael Bulanov, who drove the German "death lorries".

Bulanov turned deathly pale, swayed and almost fell as the sentence was pronounced. As the condemned men were being led from the dock he held back for some time, begging something from his counsel.

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Nazi Raiders Over England

Two Alerts In London: Bombs Dropped At A Few Points

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A few German planes approached the London outskirts during an alert early to-day and were met by heavy gunfire. Bombs were dropped in outlying areas. The raiders were caught in searchlights and attacked by night fighters.

A second air raid alert was sounded at 10.15 p.m. and lasted only a short while. Some gunfire was heard.

The second alert London's anti-aircraft guns went into action. A raider was heard to dive before it released bomb in one London area.

Twice during the night there was slight German air activity over parts of Essex and south-east England, including London. Bombs were dropped at a few points causing damage and a small number of casualties. One German aircraft was destroyed.

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CITY CONGRESSMEN RELEASED

BOMBAY, Monday. Mr. Maneklal Vakharia, Congress member of the Municipal Corporation, Mr. Dharia and Mr. Manbhai Desai have been unconditionally released from the Nasik jail.

Mr. D. P. Nagda, who was arrested under the D.I.R. on the 8th October, 1942, and was released on parole on grounds of health, has been released unconditionally.

FRONTIER M. L. A. JAILED NEW DELHI, Dec. 20.—Mr. Tek Chand Dhillara, a member of the Legislative Assembly, of the North-West Frontier Province was convicted of Lahore under D.I.R. 81 (4) and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 400 or in default to undergo six months' R.L. for having sold 56 maunds of rail base line in contravention of the Iron and Steel Control of Distribution Order, 1941, says a Press Note.—A.P.

DETENU ELECTED MUNICIPAL PRESIDENT KHANDWA, Dec. 20.—Mr. Bhagwanram Madholi, M.L.A., a detenu in the Nagpur Central Jail, has been elected President of Khandwa Municipality by a large majority. This is the second municipality in the Province when a detenu has been elected President, the other one being Amravati where Mr. Wamanrao was elected President.—A.P.

LONG-TERM PRISONER DIES IN HOSPITAL (From Our Correspondent). JAMNAGAR, Dec. 20.—Mr. Dhanji Narani, arrested in April, 1941, and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for six years and six months in two cases filed against him by the State, died last night. Since last four days he was removed to hospital where his wife and relatives had the first chance to see him since his imprisonment.

CONGRESS TO CONTEST LOCAL BOARD ELECTIONS SURAT, Dec. 20.—Congress workers of Ahmedabad, Surat, Panch Mahals and Kaira assembled yesterday at Nadiad and decided to run Municipal and Local Board elections.

The meeting appointed a temporary central committee to guide and organise the contest in local Self-Government institutions.

JINNAH STANDS BY SIND MINISTRY KARACHI, Dec. 20.—Soon after Mr. Jinnah's arrival, the Premier, Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah and the League Ministers met Mr. Jinnah and are understood to have had a long discussion with him regarding the resignation of the Ministry had taken regarding the fixation of "Kharif" prices.

It is believed that Mr. Jinnah agreed with the Ministry's point of view. (SEE PAGE 2)

between the Delhi-and-District Association, the Gwalior and Kaira Association which began here to-day. Five minutes before close, Gwalior were all out for 92 runs.

MADRAS BEATS MYSORE BANGALORE, Dec. 20.—Madras beat Mysore in the South Zone final of the Inter-University Cricket Tournament for the Robinson Bania Trophy by 228 runs. Scores: Madras 346 and 285; Mysore 254 and 149.—A.P.

MONTGOMERY'S FORCES CAPTURE ORTONA AND ORSOGNA Indian Troops Man Battle Line Where Break-Through Was Effected To Capture Consalvi

ALGIERS, Dec. 20. Radio France stated this morning that Gen. Montgomery's New Zealand troops have fought their way into Ortona, the last Adriatic port before Pescara.

Radio France announced to-day that Gen. Montgomery's troops have entered Ortona.

The Eighth Army deepening the penetrations across the Ortona-Orsoigna road have advanced about one mile to capture the village of Consalvi, six miles from Orsoigna.

ALLIED ADVANCE IN ITALY To-day's Allied 'communique' stated: LAND: Troops of the 8th Army advanced to a strong position in the Adriatic sector, where our tanks overran an enemy position, inflicting heavy casualties. In the central sector further progress was made over difficult ground.

Fifth Army troops captured the strongly held town of San Pietro. The advance is continuing beyond the town. In several rugged mountain sectors our front lines were pushed forward as much as two miles.

ALLIES RAID INNSBRUCK AND AUGSBURG AIR: Yesterday our heavy bombers raided Innsbruck Railway yard, Augsburg was also attacked. Strong fighter opposition was encountered. Key points and railway communications at Poligno Perugia and Arezzo in Central Italy were subjected to sharp and effective attacks by our medium bombers. Terni Railway junction was well covered by bomb strikes.

A variety of harbour and shipping targets both in the Adriatic and the west coast of Italy was attacked. They included Pasman Island, Split and Dubrovnik. During these and other operations 43 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

Sixteen of our aircraft failed to return to base. The remainder were believed to have landed in friendly territory.

From Reuters' Special Correspondent.—The Fifth Army, after capturing San Pietro, is to-day threatening San Vittore, the next fortified village, six miles south of the narrow Cassino pass, which guards the inland road to Rome.

INDIAN TROOPS MAN IT The centre of the coastal battle line where the break-through was effected

CHURCHILL MAKES SATISFACTORY PROGRESS LONDON, Dec. 20: The following bulletin was issued on Mr. Churchill's health from No. 10, Downing Street, to-day.

"The temperature remains normal and the Prime Minister is making satisfactory progress. The bulletin was signed by Lord Moran, Brig. D. E. Bedford and Lt.-Col. R. J. V. Pulvertaft.

to capture the village of Consalvi is manned by Indian troops of the Eighth Army.

In the vanguard of the troops moving towards the 600-foot-high San Vittore are American sniper patrols. Italians were in action again, when they participated with the Americans in Friday's capture of Monte Lungomonte operation, which almost completed the encirclement leading up to the final fall of San Pietro.

ARTILLERY BRIGADIER ESCAPES The Commander of the Royal Artillery, 5th Indian Division, Brig. Claude May Valentini who was captured in the Western Desert in June, 1942, has safely reached the Allied lines after a hazardous escape from a war prisoners' camp in Northern Italy.

ARMY OFFICER EFFECTS COUP IN BOLIVIA.

President Overthrown And Two Cabinet Ministers Arrested

LAPAZ (Bolivia) Dec. 20. President Penaranda has been overthrown in a coup d'etat. Five armed men acting under the orders of an officer, whose name is given as Major Alberto Taborga yesterday arrested the Bolivian President, Enquire Penaranda, two other Cabinet Ministers and a number of army officers, it is disclosed today.

The President and all others are being held "incommunicado", which means that no one is allowed to communicate with them. The coup was carried out by young army officers and members of the National Revolutionary Party.

Another report gave the name of the leader of the coup as Victor Paz Estensoro who is stated to have installed himself in the Governor's palace. Newspapers were forbidden to publish and soldiers were posted in all newspaper buildings.

KASTURBA'S CONDITION CAUSES ANXIETY BOMBAY, Dec. 20. The Government of Bombay have issued the following communique on Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi's health: "Mrs. Gandhi has another severe heart attack. Although she has rallied from it, and is now

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 20.
Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours on 16/12/43:
Allahabad 79 52 0; Bombay 90 68 0; Calcutta 82 59 0; Cawnpore 78 52 0; Cuttack 85 61 0; Darjeeling 56 39 0; Delhi 77 49 0; Dibrugarh 75 45 0; Jaipur 81 50 0; Karachi 83 64 0; Lahore 77 44 0; Lucknow 77 49 0; Madras 83 60 0; Nagpur 81 53 0; Patna 81 53 0; Peshawar 74 43 0; Shillong 58 44 0; Simla 55 46 0.—A. P.

A Suvaraj Government means a Government established by the free joint will of Hindus, Mussalmans and others.

—MAHATMA GANDHI.

The Bombay Chronicle

A DISAPPOINTING SPEECH

It is curious that Lord Wavell's first public speech in India is not to the Indian Legislature or to any other Indian institution but to a body of European businessmen. It is also curious that, in his lengthy speech, which he has dwelt at some length on a variety of topics, he has said nothing on the subject of the political deadlock, which is uppermost in the minds of the people and which is the cause of most of India's troubles. Such an attitude on the part of a Viceroy may be possible in a subject country under a constitutional irresponsible Government, but it is hardly creditable to him or calculated to allay the acute discontent in the country.

Lord Wavell dwelt at great length on the famine in Bengal and other parts of the country, but, while mentioning the causes of the scarcity, he ignored or glossed over the continued export of foodgrains and other inessential goods from India. With regard to the future, he promised to follow the policy commanded by the Foodgrains Policy Committee, but did not give any assurance about the most urgent measure urged by the Committee, namely, the import of 1,500,000 tons of foodgrains in the first year. Indeed, his remarks on this point are positively disconcerting. He said that the food problem concerned not India alone but also the whole world and added, "If by administrative negligence we are compelled to ask for more help from abroad than we really need we are expecting other countries, whose people are already rationed and whose prices are properly controlled to deny themselves unnecessarily, and to send us ships which are urgently required for direct war purposes." This reads like a warning that but little may be expected by way of imports of foodgrains. So long we were told that shipping difficulties stood in the way though they have not prevented the import of whiskey and such other luxuries and do not prevent the proposed import of bicycles for civilian consumption. And now a new excuse is trotted out, namely, the needs of other countries. Though India's need is greatest and she only expects voluntary exports from other countries. With regard to the development of industries after the war, Lord Wavell agreed that "development must be on an Indian basis and by Indian methods." But, he added, "and what follows the 'but' is ominous." It is also evident that India will require assistance and advice at first to help her to realise the great possibilities that are hers.

It is assured that he is concerned that he found some of the leaders of British industry full of "a spirit of most helpful co-operation towards India" without "any desire to dominate or control" but with a desire only "to help on a basis of mutual advantage." British attitude towards Indian industry is on old old story and the memories of the past will not be effaced by any number of Viceroy certificates. Even with regard to the proposal to import British bicycles and other consumer goods, Indian businessmen who have felt the pinch of British economic domination, have expressed the fear that "under the guise of making available larger supplies of consumers' goods the Government are assisting British industries at the cost of nascent Indian industries."

By way of an excuse for having said "nothing of the constitutional or political problems of India," Lord Wavell said that he was silent "not because he had not the fullest sympathy with the aspirations of India towards Self-Government, not because he considered political progress impossible during the course of the war—not more than he believed that the end of the war would be itself provide an immediate solution of the deadlock—but because he did not believe that he could make their solution any easier by talking about them just at present." This is not at all convincing. Nobody wants him to be merely talking about political problems. But if he is earnest about them he must do some talking and follow it up with suitable action. It is not enough to say what every Viceroy has said, "I welcome co-operation from anyone and anyone who can assist me in these great problems on which the future of India depends." What he means is co-operation on his own terms. Who will not welcome co-operation on his own terms? Lord Wavell means no

honourable compromise, a policy of give and take, he has not yet shown any signs of welcoming it. It is futile to suggest that "if we can co-operate in the achievement of the great administrative aims which should be common to all parties when the country is in peril we shall do much to produce conditions in which the solution of the political deadlock will be possible." That sort of one-sided co-operation has been tried for a century and more and the latest phase of it has only ended in the indefinite imprisonment of Congress leaders without a trial. Lord Wavell has not a word about their release, though it is demanded by the country as a whole and though it is bound to solve many of the problems which are now vexing the Government and the people alike. Lord Wavell's studied silence on this point in his first public speech is unnatural and deplorable and ill calculated to stimulate the co-operation for which he appeals. It confirms the statement of the British Minister of Information that the question of Indian freedom has been kept in "cold storage" for the duration of the war. It also strengthens the widely held suspicion that Lord Wavell has been sent to India by Mr. Churchill not to end the political deadlock and thus secure her people's united and enthusiastic support for the war, but to maintain the deadlock and thus to make India safe for Britain to hold as her own as long as possible, because the war situation has changed for the better for Allies who are confident of victory and because the present Government of India are able to get from the country all the help in men and material that is required.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Yugo-Slav Compromise
Official Yugo-Slav quarters, says a Cairo message, expect shortly a compromise measure, that will be in King Peter's cabinet, by which the Yugo-Slav Government in exile will be brought more into line with the provisional Government. If this is true the emigre Government is taking a wise step in its own interests. It has always been dominated by reactionaries. And its only attraction was General Mihailovich. But when the Russian Government was removed, there was discovered a Mihailovich who was no better, perhaps even worse, than the emigre reactionaries. They were so much out of tune, with even antagonistic to the peoples of Yugo-Slavia and their democratic ideals that even the British and the Americans had to support General Tito, and even if only for logical reasons, his own provisional Government. The result was that the emigre Government had become completely isolated and discredited as it richly deserved to be. Hence the present effort for a compromise. Its progress would be interesting to watch.

Right Step

Lord Louis Mountbatten has announced the unification of the Royal Air Force into one command under Air Chief Marshal Peirse with Major-General George Stanger as its Chief of Staff as Second-in-Command and thus presumably in active control of operations in "South-East Asia." This move, which presumably was decided upon at the Cairo Conference, is an obviously useful step in the right direction. It unified and integrated Allied air striking force can achieve far more than separate and independent units. The experience of North Africa has amply proved it, if any proof were needed. But does this move hold out any promise of important developments in the near future? We are not sure. As Lord Louis Mountbatten has hinted, attempts are to be made to push the air force in Burma farther back. But we doubt if any thing more is intended for the present.

German Failure

Russian and German troops are still locked in a desperate battle for the Kiev bulge. But, while the expectation we expressed a few days ago, that the Russians had virtually wrested the initiative was premature, it is now clear that the German effort represented a sort of crisis still persists. The Nazis have failed to make any appreciable headway during the last few days. With the Russians, strict realists, seem to be completely confident of keeping the strategic thrusts to the west, and that they would not have started two fresh offensives, one in the north and the other in the extreme south of the Russo-German front.

A Crises in Sind?

A serious constitutional crisis may arise in Sind over an apparently small issue, namely, the fixing of food prices. The Sind Ministry wants to raise the prices of rice on the ground that the present prices, fixed by the Government of India, are too low both absolutely and relatively to those prevailing in the Punjab, without any control from the Government. The Ministry points out that the position is most unfair to the cultivators and against the mandate given to it by the Legislature. On the other hand, the Government of India, who have undertaken a general control of food prices in the country, refuse to allow the Sind Ministry to raise the prices of rice. They contend that nowhere are the prices too low and that the prices in Sind cannot be raised merely because those in the neighbouring Province are for the time being much higher.

Plea For Compromise

Most persons agree that in the last resort the Government of India considered instructions about food control must be accepted by all provinces, if only as an emergency measure. But this great power itself in the hands of the Government of India demands that the provinces should be consulted. Attempts to settle things through persuasion and without unfair discrimination. They have not yet succeeded in showing that the Sind Ministry's appeal is unreasonable. It is good they have conveyed a conference of Provincial representatives to discuss various questions of control. We trust a settlement will be reached there and a grave constitutional crisis will be averted in Sind.

Has Sind Governor Taken Food Portfolio?

League Ministers To Meet Jinnah: Deadlock May Continue Till January

KARACHI, Dec. 20.
No complications are expected to ensue from yesterday's joint statement of the Sind Ministry on the food prices dispute which was followed by the declaration from Delhi that the Government of India are unable to resign from the position already taken by the Sind Premier and the Ministers is ridiculed in authoritative quarters.

It is explained that 'status quo' will continue till the conference convened by the Government of India in January thrashes out the question of the food prices. The conference will be attended by the Sind Premier in person. The fact that Mr. Jinnah is arriving in Karachi this evening in connection with the League Session is being welcomed by the League Ministers who are to meet him at the earliest moment to acquaint him with the position.

No confirmation is available officially that the Government have already taken over the Food Portfolio or that the matter has been referred to the Secretary of State by the Premier Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah.

GOVERNOR'S CLASH WITH MINISTRY

Conflict between the Governor and the popular Ministry has begun, already, it was stated to-day. It appears that the Governor, issued by the Governor yesterday, making it illegal for anyone in the province except licensed to be in possession of more wheat than was required for consumption upto next harvest, that in April 1944, which was stated to be without concurrence with the Ministry.

Ministry To Live Up With Assembly

The differences that were manifest between the Central Government and the Government of Sind in regard to the food policy have reached the climax to-day. The Government of Sind has been, according to irrefutable sources, "not willing to procure: we will have no price control, if the Central Government persist in their present policy towards Sind," said Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, the Premier, when the United Press representative met him this morning. The Governor, on the other hand, has exercised his special powers and possibilities and we will tell our people in the Assembly that we have logical reasons for our action. We will not resign; let the Governor dismiss us. We stand united and the Assembly with us. The Central Government's interference is unwarranted and without meaning. The Government allow the Punjab to cultivate Rs. 16 but they grudge Rs. 12 to Sind. That shows that the Centre is

FAMINE NO LONGER EXISTS IN BENGAL!

Hutchings' "Clumsy Effort To Mislead Anglo-Americans"

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 20.
Press reports from India say that the Food Secretary to the Government of India, Mr. Hutchings, said in a statement to-day that "famine no longer exists in Bengal which has passed out of the stage of acute food shortage. Some people, only comparatively few, are still hungry, but we are now in normal times some people go hungry." The majority of the Indian and British people dismiss Mr. Hutchings' statement as a clumsy effort to persuade the Anglo-Americans not to believe in the existence of famine. Immediately after Mr. Hutchings' statement was received here the Swaraj House to-day issued a statement to the Press saying that "the famine is not over, and thousands are still dying."

Viceroy Visits Diamond Harbour

Calcutta, Dec. 20.
Making a nearly 100 miles tour this afternoon, the Viceroy and Lady Wavell inspected medical and distress relief work in Diamond Harbour sub-division. They visited the hospital at Barpukur, a cheap grain shop at Bishnupur, a destitute repatriation centre at Serampore and military help centre in Diamond Harbour.

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, Supply Minister of Government of India, arrived here this morning from Delhi.

DONATION FROM CHINA

Calcutta, Dec. 19.—The Muslim Relief Committee received a cheque for Rs. 20,000 from H. E. C. J. Rao, Consul-General for China. This donation has been made on behalf of the Indian Famines Relief Committee in China, organised by the Sino-Indian Cultural Association under the leadership of Madame Chiang Kai-shek. The donors are Dr. Tai Chi Tao and Dr. Chu Chia Pua.—Orient Press.

Khaksars Take Control OF 275 DESTITUATES

It is ascertained officially that 225 adult and 50 child destitutes have so far been taken out of Bengal with the Government subsidy by the Khaksars. The Government intend to send down that children should not be allowed to go except to recognised institutions or with their families or parents.—Unit Press.

Bombay Civil Liberties Conference

The Bombay Civil Liberties Union proposes to hold a Provincial Civil Liberties Conference in Bombay on the 28th and 30th January 1944. The Conference will consist of delegates to be sent by organisations and associations, including the course of their work, have taken interest in maintaining civil liberties in various spheres, and believe in the general principle that all thought on matters of public concern should be expressed without interference. The Conference will be non-party and undenominational.

The Conference will discuss among others the following subjects: (A) The Enforcement of Ordinances, Rules and Orders issued by the Government of India thereunder, restricting Civil Liberty in various spheres, and (B) The question of the liberation of 24,000, 25 of Press, 24 of

MAYNE ON CALCUTTA DEFENCES

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

The assurance that Calcutta is provided with the strongest possible defences subject to our overall strategic needs, was given by the G. O. C.-in-C. Eastern Command, Lt-General A. G. O. M. Mayne, addressing a press conference here to-day on air defences.

General Mayne said that "the threat of air attacks in Calcutta had been carefully assessed and there was little need to stress the importance of the city and port. Lessons had been learnt from experience and the raid which occurred on December 8. The air force requires and in fact receives adequate warning to enable it to intercept the enemy raiders before they are even within sighting distance of their targets. The intention is to prevent the bombers from reaching their targets and to allow the A.A. guns full scope to deal with the raiders which succeed in evading interception. Obviously they would not have such scope when fighter aircraft were operating over the target. The public does not usually see fighters over the target.—A.P.

Mr. Ratilal M. Nanavati Honoured

(From Our Correspondent)

VILE PARLE, Dec. 20.
A well-attended function took place in the Gokulbhai P. P. High School on Sunday evening, when Sir Purshottamdas presided over the meeting to felicitate and honour Mr. Ratilal M. Nanavati and Mrs. Leelaben, the President of "Kumarka Sri Mandal" for services rendered to the local public during the acute shortage of foodstuffs in 1942-43.

Mr. Nanavati was the recipient of numerous garlands and a basket of foodstuffs. The President, Mrs. Leelaben, who received numerous garlands.

LORRY CAPSIZES: 25 WORKMEN INJURED

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Old Parbhadevi Road was the scene of a great sensation this evening. A lorry loaded with a large number of workmen suddenly capsized, while taking a curve in order to avoid a pedestrian. As a result about 25 workmen were injured, of whom five were taken to the K. E. M. Hospital, where they are detained for treatment. The police have taken charge of the lorry.

PARTY TO DHIRANGADHRA CHIEF

"In these fast changing times it is gratifying to know that there is so much loyalty and affection for me among my subjects," said the Maharaja of Dhrangadhra at a tea party given in his honour at the Taj on Monday evening. These remarks were made in reply to the address presented by the subjects of Dhrangadhra residing in Bombay, professing their loyalty to their Ruler and expressing gratitude for all that he had done for the welfare of the people in the State.

Among those who attended the party were Sir C. B. Mehta, Sir Homi M. Mehta and other business magnates from the State.

CORONER AND CONFESSIONS OF ACCUSED

BOMBAY, Monday.

Rao Bahadur B. N. Athavale, City Coroner, was asked to-day by Mr. Justice Sen as asked several questions about recording the statements of accused respecting to be involved in murder cases.

The City Coroner was recalled as a Court witness as it was suggested on behalf of accused Dhanraj Ramnivas Mishra, who stood charged with the murder of a police constable that the Coroner was not voluntarily made but was the result of cruelty practised on him by the police.

Mr. Justice Sen: Did you give any time for reflection to the accused before you took down his statement?

Coroner: I am not required to do so.

Mr. Justice Sen: Under section 26 of the Evidence Act, any incriminating statement would be a confession and it was your duty to give the accused time for reflection.

Mr. Justice Sen: Did you ascertain that the accused was going back to police custody from the Coroner's Court and that therefore he was not a free agent?

Coroner: I did not make such enquiries.

Mr. Justice Sen: Did you think that the accused's statement was an act of bravado or an act of penitence?

Coroner: From his attitude and demeanour, I thought it was an act of bravado.

Mr. Justice Sen: This is a very serious matter. The accused is involved in a murder case and before you took down his statement consistent with your responsibility, you ought to have asked him certain questions to see that the statement was made voluntarily.

The accused stands charged with the murder of Yeshwant Bhicaji a police constable on the night of February 8, at Matunga.

Mr. B. D. Juvarkar appeared for the Crown. Mr. M. D. Gordhandas defended the accused.

Pentangular Tournament

It occurs to me that it would be a good thing if the scores of the Pentangular and of the Ranji Trophy Matches were available in the shape of book. Would not some enterprising publisher print them accurately without comment or criticism?

A. A. A. FYEE.

Secondary Teachers

In view of the proverbially low salaries paid to the Secondary Teachers, all would agree that their meagre salaries must be supplemented by a liberal dearness allowance. But strange as it may seem, Secondary Teachers are being paid little or nothing by way of dearness allowance, in spite of their ceaseless and untiring efforts by way of applications, deputations, etc. to move the authorities to consider their case sympathetically.

Will the authorities concerned consider the question of sanctioning liberal dearness allowance to the hard pressed Secondary Teachers more sympathetically and immediately and thus redress this longstanding grievance?

A SECONDARY TEACHER.

speech (4) of meetings, processions and association and (5) in the field of literature; (B) Rules and orders issued by the provincial Government to the teachers.

The Conference is expected to meet for two days.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

The Sind Premier, Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, at a press conference on Sunday, declared, "The Government of India are making it impossible for us to carry out the mandate we have received in this matter from our legislature, to whom we are responsible, and by bringing us into conflict with that body are precipitating the fall of our Ministry."—A.P.

It has come at last. We mean the Most Honourable the Marquess of Linlithgow has made his first ex-Viceroyal pronouncement. The occasion was an official welcome, not at the Empire Society, the Imperial Parliamentary Association, the Carlton Club or the Primrose League, but at the Lilliput Club, which is a club of members who regard as slightly disappointing but which we regard as most appropriate.

There is, hear, hear and enthusiastic applause, punctuated with audible signs of relief—regret that the Noble Marquess has at last returned to where he started from.

He has, of course, returned with his long extremely exacting task performed in circumstances of great hardship (miserable tenement house, etc., etc.) well discharged, yes, that's the word. But he, the noble square, generous too. "He could not," says the report of his speech, "overstate the admiration he felt for India's war effort.... We must be responsive. And, therefore, we assure Lord Linlithgow that for our part, could not overstate the admiration we felt and feel for his Lordship's own war effort.... In fact, we can't state or even understate."

Discretion must be the better part of gratitude.

Lord Linlithgow also spoke appreciatively of the help he received in developing "immense supplies of munitions and warlike stores.... Yes, let us ensure his Excellency on personal testimony, but also on that of many others that it will take days and weeks to take even an approximate stock of the Defence of India Rules, etc. What are we talking about? All right, let's leave Lord Linlithgow.

Let us leave Lord Linlithgow and approach respectively His Excellency Lord Wavell.

Viceroy's come and go and do and don't but a Viceroyal pronouncement via the European Chamber of Commerce will always remain a recurring December annual. It has occurred.

And we must be responsive in the case of this pronouncement too.

Yes, let us ensure his Excellency that we are saying nothing about his pronouncement not because this, not because that, not because the other nor because so on, no more than because so forth but because there is little replying talking about it just at present.

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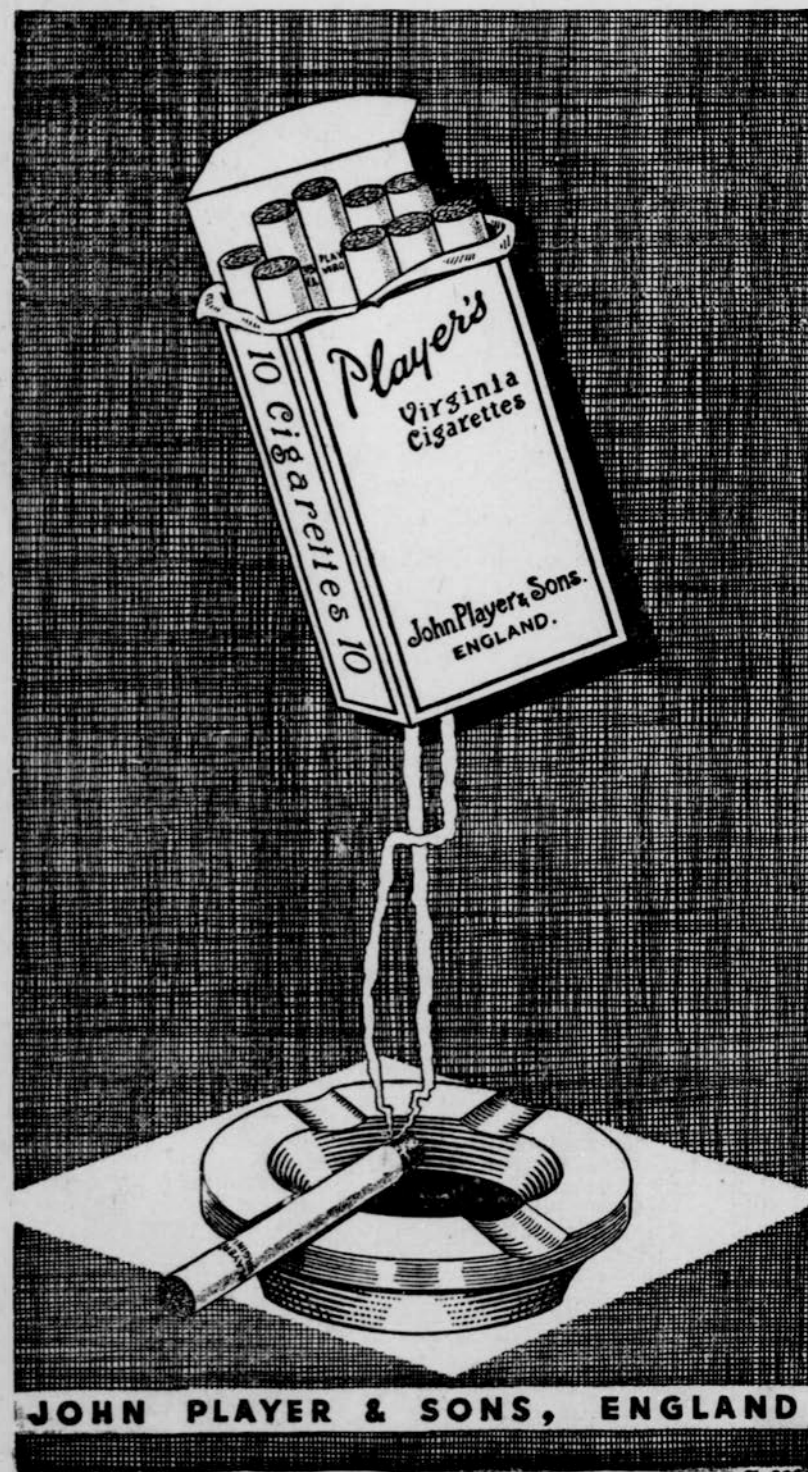
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Today's Engagements
R. M. BHATT HIGH SCHOOL, SILVER JUBILEE: Mr. M. D. Bhat, I.C.S. Municipal Commissioner, Bombay, will open "Health and Food" Exhibition, to-day at 6 p.m.
BOMBAY MARATHI JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATION: The Members of the Association will meet to-day (Tuesday) Mr. S. A. Brelvi the new President of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference and Mr. M. R. Masani the Mayor of Bombay at 6-30 p.m. at Brahmin Sabha Hall, Shankar Road.

J. J. SCHOOL OF ART: The exhibition of the paintings and sculpture of Doris Gerrard and Charles Gerrard will be opened by Sir Purnottandas Thakurdas to-day (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. at the Sir J. J. School of Art, Hornby Road.

MOTHER GLORIA'S LECTURE: To-day (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. at Mazda-nan Hall opp. Churchgate Station, Mother Gloria will deliver a special lecture (open to all) on "Truth-not to be taught but to be revealed".

POSTAL HOLIDAYS: Saturday the 23rd December 1943 and Sunday the 1st January 1944 will be Post and Telegraph Holidays on account of Christmas Day and New Year's Day respectively. All the Departments of the Bombay G. P. O. and the Town Sub-Offices including the telegraph branches of the combined offices will observe on these days the same working hours as on Sundays.

Rao Bahadur G. K. Chitale Dead
News has been received in Bombay of the death of Rao Bahadur G. K. Chitale, a prominent leader of Ahmed-nagar. He was for several years a member of the Bombay Legislative Council. He was a leading pleader of the district and local for several years. He was also one of the prominent leaders of the Co-operative movement.

ORISSA PREMIER FOR BOMBAY
CUTTACK, Dec. 20.
The Maharaja of Parikimedi, the Premier of Orissa, left last night for Bombay en route to Karachi. He will attend the Ministers' Conference at Karachi on December 28.-United Press.

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"Memorial to the Hero" (10 feet 6 inches) by Doris Gerrard at the Gerrard's Exhibition to be opened by Sir Purnottandas Thakurdas to-day in the J. J. School of Art in aid of fund for widows and children of Indian soldiers.

3 Arts Law Function

The 3 Arts luncheon held at the Taj on Sunday last was a very function. Amongst those present were Mr. Briskov, Adviser to the Government, Sir Victor Sassoon, Justice and Mrs. Lokur, Mr. Motilal Setalwad, Mr. and Mrs. Bhat, Mr. Brelvi, Taraben Frem-chand, Frs. Rev. Goynne and Rev. Raymond, Chief and other judges of the Small Cause Court, Maharani of Indore, Begum of Janjira, Ran of Nepal, Dayanand Prie Desi of Ceylon, and several others. Ajiya Begum opened the proceedings by welcoming the guests in her usual humorous way, having a dig at the inefficiency of law, and its indifference to women. Mr. A. A. Fyze was the principal speaker who closed the function by the outstanding force for culture. He suggested that speedily as at present the rich man and a better chance of success in the Courts than a poor man. He deprecated piecemeal legislation, especially at the instance of laymen and suggested that a permanent law Commission, consisting full-time paid lawyers should be established to propose new laws or amendments in existing laws. The Future of Law was humorously and cleverly handled by Sir Victor Sassoon, whose conclusions sent the gathering into roars of laughter. Justice Lokur's serious cuts in the laws of law was an eye-opener. Father Raymond and Fyze-Rahamin touched on the higher aspects of Divine Law and its part in human existence. Taraben maintained the side of injustice to women, and Mr. Motilal Setalwad in his presidential remarks weighed the points of A. A. Fyze and others in a brilliant manner, and closed the function by the performance of Alakhandra who danced to the audience that was held interested and spell bound.

BOMBAY WOMEN'S HANDICAP BILLIARD TOURNAMENT
TO-DAY'S FIXTURES: 5-30 p.m. Mrs. Cartner or Mrs. Mistri vs. Miss Dadabhoy or Miss Zakkal or Miss Adajaniwala; Mrs. Donald Hill will give away the prizes at the conclusion.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES
BOMBAY, Dec. 18.
On High Low Close
I. C. C Jan 464/8 465/8 460 460/8
" May 462/8 464/4 459 459/8
" May 465 466/8 462 462/8
KESAR SUGAR WORKS
The tenth ordinary general meeting of the Kesar Sugar Works Ltd. was held on Monday under the President-ship of Mr. Ambalal Kilchand at which dividends at 5-1/2 per cent on each preference share and Rs. 10 and Rs. 2 bonus per share to each ordinary shareholder were declared. Retiring Directors were re-elected.
BANKERS' CLEARING HOUSE: Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 17-12-1943 were as under:-
Number of cheques-1,43,127.
Amount of cheques-38,10,48,800-14-9.
MADRAS SHARE BAZAR
MADRAS, Dec. 20.
SUGARS & BREWERIES: Decan Big 35/8, Decan Small 78, India Sugar 21/8 cd., Jeypore 18 Mysore Sugar 63, South India 12/8 cd., Travancore 17 cd.
CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE
CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.
The market generally ruled steady. Coal shares, showed further advances on strong buying while others remained more or less unchanged. Government Securities continued steady. The share market will remain entirely closed from December 22 1943 until the morning of January 3 1944 on account of the Xmas and New Year holidays.-A. F.

The Half-Column by "Dim"
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CITY MARKETS

BOMBAY, Monday.
SHARES: The Share Bazar was quiet today with increased selling in some scrips. Cement and Century Shares found increased offerings in view of approaching holiday there was more disposition to even up open business. Tata steel Defts.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE
Tata Steel Ord (388/8) 389/8 89 90 88/8 89/8 88 88/8 87/8 89 87/8 T. S. Dtd. (1892/8) 1892/8 98 1906 1900 1896 88 1900 1892 93 87/8 97/8 95 98/12 90 Dyeing (1922/8) 1927/8 36/4 27 31 25 27 25 31 25 27 23/12 33/12 36/4 26/4 Century (978) 977 78 77 68 70 66 68 62 65 64 58 66 64 65 56; 61 53 54 62 53 54 51/8 Simplex (276/8) 12 13/8 15 10; Swadex (1500) 590 87 88 85 84 86 84; Nagpur (456) 456 87 51 53 54 62 53 54 51/8 Simplex (276/8) 276 75 73 74 75; New Crest (425) 427 425 27; Tram (143) 143 43/8 42/8 43 42/8; Cement (226/8) 226/8 27/4 24/4 24/8 22/8 23/4.

opened at Rs. 1895 and after advancing to Rs. 1905 declined to Rs. 1888. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 389 and after touching Rs. 390 declined to Rs. 387. Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 1922 and Kohinoor at Rs. 977. 78 77 68 70 66 68 62 65 64 58 66 64 65 56; 61 53 54 62 53 54 51/8 Simplex (276/8) 276 75 73 74 75; New Crest (425) 427 425 27; Tram (143) 143 43/8 42/8 43 42/8; Cement (226/8) 226/8 27/4 24/4 24/8 22/8 23/4.

BULLION: On Saturday London markets were unchanged. The local market was fairly steady with a moderate business. Gold delivery quotation after advancing to Rs. 70 quietened to Rs. 69/8 while spot quotation was Rs. 71. Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 49/8. Silver delivery: Rs. 112/10 declined to Rs. 112/4 while ready business was done at Rs. 114/12. Tons were quietly steady and turnover was moderate.
Later on there was improved buying and silver delivery quotation reached to Rs. 113 and declined to Rs. 112/8. Closing quotations. Ready gold Rs. 72/4 delivery Rs. 69/12. Sovereigns Rs. 49/8. Ready silver Rs. 114/8 and delivery Rs. 112/8.
COTTON: The local cotton market opened today at Rs. 461 for January and advanced to Rs. 464/8 under moderate buying. As soon as the demand was satisfied prices began sagging tendency and after declining to Rs. 460/8 steadied at Rs. 461. At present the market appears uncertain and traders are awaiting developments.
In the afternoon there was general buying which in the absence of any offerings ruled January quotation to Rs. 466. Scatterd realising appeared and the market steadied at Rs. 465-4. There was renewed buying and prices rose to Rs. 468-4. The market closed at 6 p.m. as under:-
I. C. C January Rs. 468-4, I. C. C March Rs. 464-4, I. C. C May Rs. 467-4.
NEW YORK COTTON
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.
To-day's Price
January 19.56+10; March 19.59+05; May 19.58+05; July 19.10+01; Middling spot 20.45+07.
NEW ORLEANS COTTON
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.
January 19.56+06; March 19.73+04; May 19.55+06; July 19.32+06; Middling spot 20.45+06.

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EMPIRE OF INDIA LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD., BOMBAY

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss of Policy numbered 100342 on the life of D. M. Paikar of Nagpur, a fresh policy in lieu thereof will be issued unless objection is lodged with the company within one month from this date.

E. E. ALLUM,
Manager

Bombay, 21st Dec., 1943 3560

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following temporary posts likely to last for the duration of war in the Monitoring Section, Counter Propaganda Directorate, Department of Information and Broadcasting, Simla.

(a) two Monitor-Translators on Rs. 150-10-200, to translate Persian broadcasts into English; minimum academic qualifications, B.A. with honours in Persian, M.A. preferred;

(b) one Monitor Translator on Rs. 150-10-200 to translate Arabic broadcasts into English; minimum academic qualifications B.A. with honours in Arabic, M.A. preferred;

(c) two Monitors on Rs. 150-10-250, to transcribe English broadcasts from BBC and foreign stations; minimum shorthand speed, 130 words per minute, typing speed 50 words per minute.

(d) one Monitor-Translator on Rs. 120-10-200, to transcribe Bengali broadcasts into English.

(e) two Monitor-Translators on Rs. 120-10-200, to translate Hindustani broadcasts into English.

All the above posts call for a sound knowledge of the English language, as well as of current world affairs; in the case of (a), (b), (d) and (e), a good typing speed will be made an additional qualification. Applications, with full educational and professional details and copies of testimonials which will not be returned, should reach the Under-Secretary, Department of Information and Broadcasting, Railway Board Building, Simla, on or before 7th January, 1944. Candidates must be prepared to come to Simla at their own expense for interview and test. Successful candidates will be required to work by day or night, as necessary."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for a temporary post of a Cartographer likely to last for the duration of war, in the Counter-Propaganda Directorate, Department of Information and Broadcasting, Simla. Candidates must possess a good knowledge of map drawing and lettering in English. Women are also eligible. Appointment carries a fixed pay of Rs. 250 per month. Applications containing full details of qualifications, accompanied by copies of testimonials (which will not be returned) should reach the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Information and Broadcasting, Railway Board Building, Simla, on or before 15th January, 1944. Candidates must be prepared to come to Simla at their own expense for interview and test.

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THE TEXTILE COMMISSIONER, Hararavala Building Ballard Estate, Bombay invites tenders for the supply of:—

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2. Office of the Controller of Supplies, Bengal, Circle, 2, Fairlie Place, Calcutta from 10-1-1944 to 15-1-44.

The price of the tender forms is Rs. 10- (rupees ten) per set and is not refundable and the forms are not transferable. Payment should be made in cash or Money Order only to the Textile Commissioner, Bombay quoting tender No. and remitter's full address on the coupon in case of Money Order.

The last date for the receipt of tender is 4 P. M. on 24-1-1944. (7231)

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA
THE BANK will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 25th December, 1943, that day being a Public Holiday (CHRISTMAS) under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

E. J. DAWSON,
Secretary & Treasurer.
Bombay, 16th December, 1943. 7228

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that one Share Certificate bearing No. 54206 in respect of five shares numbered 41912/24 of the Associated Cement Companies, Limited, standing in the names of Mrs. Jasvanti Amratlal Gandhi and Mr. Amratlal Bhagwandas Gandhi has been LOST, and the undersigned has applied to the Company to issue duplicate share certificate for the said shares.

Any person in possession of the said share certificate and/or having any claim to the said shares should notify to and lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office at Esplanade House, Waudby Road, Bombay, within one month from the date hereof after which period no claim will be considered and the Directors will proceed to deal with the said application and issue duplicate share certificate if they think fit.

Dated Bombay, this Seventeenth day of December, 1943.
(Sd.) JASVANTI AMRATLAL GANDHI.
(Sd.) A. B. GANDHI. 7227

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CURSTUJAMSETI BANATVALA RUSTEM KAIKUSHRU ALBLESS and KAIKUSHRU NUSSEERWANJI CHANDABHOY, Executors of the Will of the late Mr. Jamshedji Edalji Banatwala, have contracted to sell to our clients the undermentioned properties. All persons having any claim, whatsoever, to the said properties or any of them are requested to make the same known in writing to us in our Office at 139, Meadows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES
FIRSTLY:—All that piece or parcel of land with buildings thereon, situate at Sukhlaji Street, admeasuring 2346 square yards, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 209 of Tardeo Division and Municipal D Ward Nos. 4047-48-4051, 4049 and 4050 and Street Nos. 32-34, 36-38, 1 and 2.

SECONDLY:—ALL that piece or parcel of land with buildings thereon, situate at Kamathipura 12th Lane, admeasuring 476 square yards, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 192 of Byculla Division and Municipal E Ward No. 870 and Street Nos. 51 and 23.

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Tenders will be received upto 4 p.m. on 10-1-44 and opened at 11 a.m. on 11-1-44. 7232

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BAI SHIRINBAI F. BAMBOAT and FRAMROZE P. BAMBOAT have contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned properties.

ALL persons, therefore, having or claiming any right, title, or interest in or to the said properties of any part thereof whether by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, encumbrance, lien, charge, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make such claims known to the undersigned at their Office at Cama Building, 24-26 Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from this date, otherwise the said sale will be completed without reference to any such claims and all such claims, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE:

FIRST:—All that piece or parcel of land situate at Ambivil, New Andheri, South Salsette Taluka, Registration Sub-District of Bandra District Bombay Suburban and bearing non-agricultural Survey No. 98 C, admeasuring 1821 sq. yds. Assessment Rs. 10-0-0 (and old description whereof is Survey No. 98, Pot Nos. 3, 4, 11) together with all buildings, outhouses, wells, privies, and all other structures, standing thereon and bearing Andheri Notified Area Committee's House No. 15 on Versova Road and bounded on North and East by a Rivulet and beyond that by property of N. D. Bharda, on South by Andheri Versova Road, on West partly by property secondly described and partly by the property of Ardeshir Bhaji Patel.

SECONDLY:—All that piece or parcel of land, situate at Ambivil Taluka South Salsette in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra and District Registration Bombay Suburban and bearing Survey No. 98, Hissa No. 2 part Area Gunthas 231/2, Assessment Rs. 3-12-6.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1943.

VAKIL DADABHOY & BHARUCHA,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(7220)

NAGINDAS HOOSAINALLY & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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Mr. NATHANAL AMRITLAL, Mr. JIVANLAL NATHANAL, Mr. NATANLAL NATHANAL, Mr. CHHMANLAL PRANJIVANDAS, Mr. BAPULAL PRANJIVANDAS and DHANUKHLAL JIVANLAL, a minor by his father and guardian the said Jivanlal Nathanal and Balkishan Nathanal, a minor by his father and guardian the said Natverlal have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client free from encumbrances. All persons having any claim whatsoever against or to the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Yusuf Building, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY
ALL that Piece of land of Pension and Tax tenure (cess redeemed) with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate at Thakurdwar or Beach Candy Road, Girgaon, called the "Laxmi Building", without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 213 sq. yds. bearing the Collector of Land Revenue Old No. 45, New Survey No. 3087 and Cadastral Survey No. 2173 of Bhuleswar Division Municipal C Ward No. 2271 and Street No. 304 and bounded, on East by Thakurdwar or Beach Candy Road, Girgaon, on West by service gully and beyond that property of Kamalabai the widow of Mohanlal Jodhrji and Dinshaw Naoraji Rania, on North by the Dinbai Petit Widows Home and on South by the building known as Balsara House.

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Decceased
PREMCHAND KACHIRABHAI, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, residing at Sanitary Lane, Ghakopar, outside Bombay, Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased